

Returned soldiers say that a bombardment is as terrible in its way as a jazz band concert.

Washington reports show a reduction in food prices, but anything can be proved by statistics.

Along with other kinds that may be listed as cheap is some of that peace talk on the east front.

The trouble about telling some of our best jokes to friends is that they always go over the top.

Six-day bicycle "racers," for instance, rank high as nonessentials when useful man power is needed.

There is a certain element among which khaki will not be in high favor until after the fighting is over.

How much does a ten-pound baby weigh when somebody besides the proud father holds the scales?

At present the success of a railroad is not measured so much by its dividends as by its hauling capacity.

In days of the cave men furs were cheap and abundant, but there were no theaters. There is always something!

In estimating the wheat yield for next year, the weather man, as well as the farmer, must be taken into account.

The average American home, an authority says, is overheated. It is, perhaps, when one has the coal, which is sometimes.

If the new flour does not differ any more from the old than the new bread did from its predecessor, the public can't kick much.

As for "knitting nerves," a good many women who were nervous when learning to knit find that the work calms them after they have learned how.

A great deal of interesting comment on how the allies should conduct the war in Europe is the more easily written and read because of the great distance that shuts out the noise of the artillery.

If, in addition to taking off all the passenger trains that can be spared, the government should also shut down on gasoline a good many people will be better acquainted with home than they are now.

The open grate is under the ban, because so much of the heat of the fuel burned goes up the chimney, but in a way this loss of fuel value is made up for by the cheerfulness of an open fire, especially with your feet on the fender.

The war, says a correspondent, is teaching the world economy. It has even brought back the old-fashioned person, probably, who picks up stray pins from the sidewalk.

Possibly the aviation department is hampered by lack of facilities, but there is one advantage that must not be overlooked—there is no lack of space in which to do its work.

"Don't ride for pleasure," urge the railroad chiefs. Let us add our warning. Anybody who rides on an American railroad train in winter for pleasure is certain to be disappointed.

This world war for freedom will not be a complete success unless it emancipates a large number of American women who have to work their fingers almost off to support lazy, do-nothing husbands.

A total of 400,000,000 coins were minted this year, or four coins per capita. We got our per capita of this, since the report shows two pennies and a nickel and dime for each person were included in the mintage.

London is reported to be short of barbers and the bolshevik illustrations indicate that Petrograd and Moscow are in even worse shape.

There is said to be a shortage of pennies. Strange, when nowadays considering their purchasing power, there seems to be but thirty in a dollar!

Butter was 14 cents a pound in 1857 and sometimes it almost seems as if some of that vintage had been hoarded to take advantage of the present prices.

We used to hear a lot about the "German tongue" before the war. But the fellow who possesses one nowadays had better keep a snail and a tight rein on it.

The Londoner who has constructed a tombstone for Wilhelm might carve "here lies" without awaiting the war lord's ultimate fate.

One of the doctors tells us that overheated houses are causing much illness. That's strange, when you consider the price of coal.

Astronomers are discovering new worlds in the heavens. Here's hoping the war mania hasn't struck them yet.

Meatless days, wheelless days and porkless days are easily endurable, but a coalless day would be disastrous. Conserve the coal!

Berlin's committee on information has suppressed German publications calling on the Kaiser to end the war. German information, like other things, is likely to become scarcer as it grows more valuable.

Bowser, Housewife

But He Does Not Hold His Job Very Long

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(By M. QUAD.)

Mr. Bowser had been casting furtive glances at Mrs. Bowser for a quarter of an hour, when he observed:

"Mrs. Bowser, you look dragged out."

"And that is the way I feel," she wearily replied.

"You need a day off occasionally to rejuvenate you. You stay at home too much. Why don't you take a walk; why don't you ride out into the country on the suburban cars? Why don't you spend a whole day at the stores, instead of racing down and back as if you expected the house to burn down if you did not hustle?"

"It is easy enough to ask questions, Mr. Bowser, and I can answer all of them in a very few words—I don't have the time."

"You mean the housework keeps you at home?" he queried.

"That's just what I mean. We keep a cook, but she don't find time to do much outside her kitchen. I have to keep track of things, and there is work enough here for two women. It isn't like chopping wood or digging in the ditch, but it keeps a woman busy most of her time, and when night comes she feels dragged out."

Mr. Bowser chewed on the above for several minutes and then remarked:

"Yes, of course, there are a few things to be done, but if you had a system about your work I have an idea that you would reduce it one-half."

"Every woman has a system," retorted Mrs. Bowser, "and she follows it as well as she can, but the bother is that things happen to interrupt her system. For instance, I have a system about getting the breakfast ready, I have to stop that system about half a dozen times every morning to help you get dressed. Your necktie and collars have been left any old where and your shoes down here when you went to bed. You make me about half an hour's extra work most every morning, and then you come down to your breakfast in such a hurry that you upset the cook. What are you going to do with a system that calls you to answer the front-door bell about a dozen times a day, to find a peddler or a tramp at the door?"

"I tell you what I'll do," said Mr. Bowser after a spell of thinking. Business is at a standstill at the office this season of the year, and I can just as well take a couple of weeks off as not. For those two weeks I will turn housewife. I will do all that you do around the house and you may get out every day in the week. I think I can show you something about system, and that the work around here can be made mere child's play."

"That will be very kind of you," replied Mrs. Bowser, but there was a bit of sarcasm in her voice. "When do you propose to begin?"

"The sooner the better. I can begin tomorrow morning as well as not."



"Hung on the Clothesline and Beaten."

You can speak to Sarah and tell her of the new idea. I shall want her to help me out, of course.

"What instructions have you to give?"

"Only one at present. I will tell you the rest in the morning before I go out. I shall go to see Mrs. Turner, who lives about three miles away. She has often asked me to come and spend the day with her. It has been my habit to wake up every morning at seven o'clock, and that will be your hour tomorrow morning."

"Yes?" queried Mr. Bowser, as a sort of gloomy look came to his face.

"You will wake me up, and then dress yourself in a hurry and run downstairs and see if Sarah is getting breakfast ready. If she is a little slow you can help her set the table and make the coffee. If I am late, you can keep calling up the stairs until I appear. That is all tonight, Mr. Bowser."

"I will go into the chamber and dress, and you can tidy up your room and lay out the clothes for me."

a bit. Everything must be picked up, and put in its place, and then you will do the sweeping act. The rugs can be shaken out of the back windows, and you will find a clean sheet for the bed in that lower drawer of the dresser."

"I will have it done in five minutes," replied Mr. Bowser. "What else is there to do? Give me the program that I may understand it."

"Well, when you get through with the room you can sweep the stairs down. Then you can sweep the hall, and when you have finished that, sweep and tidy up the sitting room. During the time you are sweeping the bell will probably ring about seven times and five of the seven rings will want to know whether you want to buy any squashes today? These rugs can be taken out into the back yard and hung on the clothes line and beaten."



"Any Squashes Today?"

It is also my day for going over the woodwork with a damp rag and wiping off the dust."

"You have got about half an hour's work laid out for me," smiled Mr. Bowser. "Do you mean that I shall read a book the rest of my time?"

"If you feel like it," replied Mrs. Bowser. "When you get through with the sitting room go down to the dining room. Sarah most always sweeps it, but she says she won't have time today. You may give it a thorough sweeping. If her wrist is still lame, help her wash and wipe the dishes. While doing this, the door bell will ring four or five times more, but be not discouraged. It will be only people asking if a man named Smith lives here."

"And I'll tell them not by a darned sight!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser.

"You can tell them anything you want to, but they will go away blaming you because he happens to live on the next block. When you have got down stairs again you may begin sweeping the knives, forks and spoons. Sarah used to do it, but she has got so late that she leaves it all to me. She will tell you, however, where the necessary things are and you can put in a couple of hours of real enjoyment. Then will come the milkman with his bill and several other bills and you will get rid of them and go at the silver. It needs polishing very bad. It always takes me about an hour and one-half, but you may get through it in an hour. Then will come the question of what you will have for dinner. You and Sarah will have a long debate about it, and when it is settled you will have to go for the meat or order it by telephone. You will have to set the table

FROM ALL PARTS OF TENNESSEE

Reports of Interesting Events Boiled Down for Hasty Perusal.

Dyersburg.—The farmers of Dyer county in mass meeting here pledged increased hog production this year.

Nashville.—Hays Flowers, state auditor since 1915, tendered his resignation to Gov. Rye, who accepted it.

Nashville.—The Tennessee Central railroad delivered 175 carloads of coal to Nashville in five days.

Lexington.—Col. Henry E. Graper of the Citizens' bank has volunteered to furnish the money to finance a pig club for Henderson county.

Union City.—Falling on the ice on his front steps resulted in Harry Robinson, popular traveling man of West Tennessee, being seriously injured.

Knoxville.—Democrats of Sullivan county, in a largely attended mass meeting, having gone on record as emphatically opposing woman suffrage.

Memphis.—The ouster proceedings against Horace Kimbrough, finance commissioner of the town of Etowah, Tenn., recently, are being held up pending an adjustment.

Nashville.—Gov. Tom C. Rye appointed Laurent Brown to act as special judge of the first circuit court in the ouster trial of Sheriff Joe Wright, in place of Judge T. E. Matthews.

Lexington.—Word has been received here by relatives of the death of a mysterious manner in Kansas City of C. Ben Scott, aged 40, who formerly resided at Wildersville, this county.

Trezevant.—A mass meeting was held here in the interest of a demonstration farm for the Trezevant high school. Subscriptions were secured guaranteeing the purchase of the farm of about 100 acres.

Union City.—Leaving word that his country needed his services more than his county, Prof. A. B. Vaughn, Obion county school superintendent, left his office and boarded a train for Memphis, where he enlisted as a seaman in the navy.

While out rabbit hunting, 16 years of age, accidentally shot himself in the foot. His companion, Butch Wheeler, bound up the wound with a piece of suspenders cut from his overalls, probably saving the boy's life.

Knoxville.—A conference of state, county and several national road officials will be held February 14 and 15 at the University of Tennessee. It will be under the supervision of the Tennessee highway department and the university.

Nashville.—Plans of the Southern Baptist commission on ministerial relief propose \$2,000,000 as the first goal to be aimed at. Two million dollars of this will be used as a general endowment fund to provide relief for ministers of any age who are sick, broken down or in need.

Knoxville.—Convicted at the last term of federal court of failing to register for selective military service, James M. Newport of Robbins, Scott county, a minister, who is said to be opposed to army duty, was sentenced to one month in the Scott county jail and to pay the costs of the case.

Greenville.—Camp Sevier is puffing out with mumps, and no less than 500 boys are nursing swollen jaws, while reports indicated that the epidemic is spreading and threatens to seize many more soldiers from the thinly populated districts who never came in contact with the disease in their childhood.

Callatin.—The Naive-Spillers company will hold their fourth annual poultry show for Sumner county Saturday, March 2.

Selmer.—Sheriff A. H. Jopling reports the incarceration of two in the McNairy county jail, the first since November 14, 1917. The inmates are negroes.

Nashville.—At bay in the half-flooded basement of an unoccupied building, to which he had previously set fire, a well-dressed white man, in an apparently demented condition, and supposed to be Frank P. R. Best of Chicago Heights, Ill., was shot to death by Officer S. P. Morrill while resisting an attempt to effect his rescue from the flames.

Dyersburg.—One of the largest sales of real estate in the history of the county was consummated in Dyersburg when Bose Pillow sold a tract of land in the fourth civil district for \$117,000. The tract contained more than 1,000 acres.

Knoxville.—Rev. Roy E. Vale, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, will leave Feb. 11 for Fort Oglethorpe, where he will enter the service of the war Y. M. C. A. Leave of absence for three months has been granted him for this purpose.

Christ the Witness

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TEXT.—For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.—Jno. 18:37.

Amid the philosophies in the world there is one great lack, the note of certainty. This note of certainty can only be found when we turn to the testimony of Christ. He came into the world to bear witness to the truth. He is mentally competent, for he alone knows what is in man (Jno. 2:24). And he is morally competent for he alone of all the sons of men can look the world in the face and say,

"Which of you convinceth me of sin." Among others there are four things concerning man to which he bears testimony.

1. The Worth of Man.—The commercialism of the day would almost make us think that man is to be little thought of when money is involved, but he says, "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his life?" A man is worth more than the world and therefore a man is worth more than anything in the world. In answer to the question of John the Baptist he says: "The poor have the gospel preached to them." In answer to the mistake of his disciples he says: "Suffer the little children to come unto me." He had time not only for the rich and the powerful, but the poor and the weak were of infinite value to him. No other religious teacher ever taught like this. To him man was of such value that he was willing to lay down his life for one of them. Even the lost were to him of infinite worth for "The Son of Man is come to seek that which was lost." Lu. 19:10.

2. The Trouble With Man.—That there is something wrong is seen in the universal talk of improvement. What is wrong is the question. Against all the ideas advanced by man in answer to this question he says that the trouble is sin. In this all troubles are included.

(a) He says it is universal. "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children? Lu. 11:13. Even the ones who sometimes may be said to give good are evil. These were his own disciples and yet even they were evil.

(b) He says it is deep-seated. It is not on the outside where the trouble lies, but "out of the heart of man proceed" the evil things. It is not what is seen that is the trouble with men, but that which he has deep within his own heart. As Jeremiah puts it, "The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Jer. 17:9.

(c) He says it is beyond repair. There are many who would relieve man by doing away with all that afflicts man on the outside, but he says: "Ye must be born again." If you would be free from the trouble, while man is of infinite worth he has an affliction called sin which is so universal and of such deep root that relief can only be found by becoming a new creation—by being "born again."

3. The Hope for Man.—He came to bring relief and he came to make it possible for man to be born again.

(a) For those in bondage he gives himself a ransom in such a way that man may find victory over his own deceitful and desperately wicked heart. He cancelled the sin when on the cross and now stands to break the power of the sin he cancelled.

(b) For those who are lost he is himself the way. "I am the way, the truth and the life." Jno. 14:6. Men are continually seeking for that which will satisfy their aspirations and never finding it until they find it in Christ Jesus.

(c) For those dying he is the remedy. Sin is a sickness fastening upon all men and fatal in its operation. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Jesus bears witness that the only relief is to be found in himself. Many expedients are being resorted to by which to be freed from sin, but they all fail until he is found. As it was in the days of the wilderness journey of the people of old, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting life."

(d) For those dead he is the life. The wages of sin is death and death has come upon all men for that all have sinned. But his testimony is, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me though he were dead yet shall he live."

(e) For all he is the great hope sent from God to meet all of man's need.

4. The Danger of Man.—The Lord himself, this true witness, bears testimony to the truth that "He that believeth shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned." These are the words of the true witness.

At the court of our reason his case is won; at the court of our conscience his case is won, but what says our will? Can we afford to turn from his testimony concerning our common trouble, our hope and our danger?



WASH THE KIDNEYS!

All the blood in the body passes thru the kidneys every few minutes. This is why the kidneys play such an important role in health or disease. By some mysterious process the kidney selects what ought to come out of the blood and takes it out. If the kidneys are not good-workmen and become congested—poisons accumulate and we suffer from backache, headache, lumbago, rheumatism or gout. The urine is often cloudy, full of sediment; channels often get sore and sleep is disturbed at night. So it is that Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., advises "Washing the Kidneys," by drinking six to eight glasses of water between meals and then if you want to take a harmless medicine that will clear the channels and cure the annoying symptoms, go to your druggist and get Anuric (double strength), for 60c. This "Anuric," which is so many times more potent than lithia—will drive out the uric acid poisons and bathe the kidneys and channels in a soothing liquid.

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WITTY AMID FALLING SHELLS

Irishman Within an Inch of Death Answered Superior's Fool Question With Ready Humor.

As Private Mulligan of the 59th Irish was leaning against the sandbag parapet, dividing his period of guard between nervous glances through the battered periscope and day-dreams of the little colleen back in the Emerald Isle, a noisy shell of the 59th paraded its insubstantial organ into the earth about two feet in front of Pat's parapet, thereby making a far different channel of thought for the Irishman.

After the smoke had cleared a little and the confusion subsided a subaltern in action for the first time protruded his startled vision from a nearby dug-out, and gazed in horror on the only visible portion of Patrick that being his head, and in a voice of plaintive inquiry asked:

"Er—er—Mulligan, was that a shell?"

For a moment Pat looked innumerable things at his superior, and then, remembering who he was, answered, keeping the sarcasm as much to himself as possible:

"No, sorr. Shure, it was only an explosive bullet, sorr!"

Pretty.

"Is she very pretty?"
"Very. She keeps her father broke buying gowns to equal her face."



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